BAR HILL NEWS

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Bar Hill 50th Anniversary Fête

We need volunteers:

— **2-hour slots from 1100–midnight.**
— **Times available all day.**

To volunteer, contact
volunteers@barhillvillagefete.org

1st July 2017

For more information, or to see what's already arranged, go to the website:
http://blog.barhillvillagefete.org
and keep an eye on the Bar Hill News.

Ollie King
in concert

at **Bar Hill Church**
Wednesday 19th April at 7.30pm
Tickets £7 each
available from Sue: 01954 780260, Malcolm: 01954 488657
or: office@barhillchurch.org.uk.

Your chance to see and hear Ollie, who grew up here and went to Bar Hill School.
He is a very talented Folk Musician who is about to release his second album.
He is highly commended by the National Folk music scene.
This is something different and unmissable.

— CAMBRIDGE FOOD MARKET FESTIVAL —

29th April from 11am–5pm in Bar Hill Village Hall

Tickets: £5 per person which includes a raffle.
Free for Children.

• Fried Sausage, Fried Dough • Hungary Cake, Chimney Cake • Smoked Products • Tattooing, Ear-piercing • Homemade Soap • Accounting, Tax Advisory • Homemade, Artisan goods from the Carpathian Basin • Unique hand-carved Candles • • Face Painting • Puppet Theatre • Bouncy Castle •

For more information, call Bernadett on 07850 675076, or e-mail berniebookkeepingservice@hotmail.com

Bar Hill Church Art Group

An Exhibition of Paintings and Drawings
by our local artists
Saturday 6th May 10am–5pm in Bar Hill Church
Please come and see our work, with an opportunity to buy original pieces.

— Entry is Free —
(Please note this is in the Main Church, not the same building as the Community Market.)

Bar Hill PTA Jubilee Ball

Saturday 13th May 2017
Bar Hill School – doors open at 7pm
Live music from Full Circle
Photobooth, Games, Hog Roast
and Arrival Bubbles
Dress to impress – £25 per person
Tickets and more information available from the School office, any PTA member or contact em.spenceley@hotmail.co.uk

— BAR HILL LIBRARY —
GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Throughout May the Library will be staging a display of old newspaper clippings and photos relating to the growth of the Village with special reference to the Library.

Special Library and Coffee Stop Jubilee Coffee Morning – Wednesday 24th May 10am–Midday
In addition to all our Regulars, we would like to extend an especially warm welcome to all Friends of the Library who have supported us over the years.
We hope that you will come along to this coffee morning and, as well as having a chat and refreshments, see how the funds that you have raised have been spent. This will also give us the opportunity to thank you personally.

BAR HILL
— VILLAGE WEBSITE —

www.barhill.org.uk

You can find updates on such matters as the A14 upgrade, Northstowe, Topland and the environment on the Bar Hill Village website, along with lots of other information.
If you wish to put an item on the website, get in touch with the webmaster by either following the links on the website, or e-mail: barhill@machineconcepts.co.uk
Your Bar Hill News is also available, without advertising pages, about 10 days before the paper copy is delivered.

— COMPUTER BUDDYING —

from 2–4pm on Tuesdays at Bar Hill Library.
Free help with computers and basic IT skills aimed at beginners over 50yrs. Booking required.

Deadline for April's edition: 15th April to bhneditor@yahoo.com *or see page 2 for other contacts.*

— BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION —

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The objectives of the association are to act as an intermediary between residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association. Anonymous letters will not be published, but names and addresses may be withheld. However, these may be made available should a written request be received. This is a private publication and may not be reproduced in any way without the prior permission of the Bar Hill Residents' Association Committee.

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To help overcome this, we publish Maxi and Mini ads which appear throughout the publication. We cannot guarantee their inclusion, though, due to restrictions of space. Maxi ads (6cmx4½cm – 9cmx6cm) are £8.50 per month; Mini ads (6cmx2cm – 6cmx4cm) are £5 per month, and should be submitted by 15th of the month prior to their inclusion.

EDITORIAL

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale or Lost and Found. These appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month. [Items offered For Sale will be advertised in two consecutive editions, so please let the Editor know if the item(s) sell after the first time.] All items can be submitted electronically on disk or to bhneditor@yahoo.com *[a Word file is best, please]* or hard copy via Parish Council Office.

— THE MAPLE SURGERY —

Tel: **01954 780442**
www.mhmaple.co.uk

Out of Hours Emergencies call **111**
(Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 111 Service)

Surgery Opening times:
Monday to Friday 8.15am – 6.30pm

On the day appointments: bookable by phone at ***8.30am*** for the ***mornings*** and at ***1.30pm*** for ***afternoons.***

Midwife	Thursday	9.30am–12.30pm
Physiotherapist	Tuesday	1.00–4.30pm
Podiatrist	Wed. & Friday	8.45am–12 noon *and* 1.00–4.00pm
Orthoptist	2nd Tues/month	9.00am–12.30pm
Cambs Hearing Help	4th Tues/month	9.30–11.30am
Health Visitors *(based at Longstanton)*:		01954 207612
Well Child Clinics:	3rd Tues/month	1.00–2.30pm

at the Children's Centre, Bar Hill *(next to Primary School).*

— BAR HILL HEALTH WALKS —

Free every Wednesday morning
Meet at Maple Surgery at 10.30am

Our walks are all weather *(in case of rain you will find us under the Church porch)*, free, and accessible to all, particularly those who are currently inactive.

Walks are 45–60 minutes long, and led by trained Volunteer Walk Leaders. Shorter walks may be available; contact Patricia or Josephine to discuss.

We meet locally after the walk for a hot drink and a chat. This is usually in the library, but may sometimes be at Costa, Tesco, or the Fox.

If this is your first walk please arrive 10 minutes early to complete a short health questionnaire. Copies are available on the PPG noticeboard in Maple Surgery, and at www.walkingforhealth.org.uk.

Contact: **Josephine Powell** T: 07901 558108; E: jopowell45@hotmail.com or **Patricia Daniels** T: 07917 874402; E: danielsoohn@btinternet.com.

— WANTED —

Reception Class at Bar Hill School would be grateful for any **children's dressing, up clothes which are out of favour or grown out of.** Please contact Jo Hall, 11 Almond Grove; T: **01954 780304** or E: roger.hall90@ntlworld.com

HAVING PROBLEMS WITH COMPUTERS OR NEW TECHNOLOGY?

The solution is to *Learn IT* with *Laura*. Professional and personal support and training in your home.
T: 07889 261282; E: info@learnitwithlaura.co.uk
W: www.learnitwithlaura.co.uk

— NWR —
CONNECTING WOMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN EVERYTHING AND TALK ABOUT ANYTHING

NWR is a national women's organisation with members who enjoy lively conversations both serious and light hearted. It is for women of all ages who like to be informed and share ideas by actively participating in the content of meetings. We promote friendship and self-confidence for lively minded women. We invite you to join us. Come along to one of our meetings – you'd be very welcome.

13th April **Planning meeting** – Hot Cross Buns and chocolate to nibble on

27th April **The power is in your hands!** – If you were an MP for the day what law would you like to see passed or cancelled and why?

11th May **Speaker** – talk from a Cambridge Blue Badge Guide

The Bar Hill NWR group meets informally in members' homes on alternate Thursday evenings at 8pm. We pay an annual fee of £20.00 and just £1 per meeting to cover local costs. If you would like more information or someone to accompany you to a meeting, please don't hesitate to call Marie-The Last on 01954 780329 or Jackie Jackson on 01954 781613.
NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk.
Why not have a look!

BAR HILL COMMUNITY MARKET

Saturday 1st April
Saturday 6th May
Saturday 3rd June
10.30am–2pm
In the Octagon CB23 8EH

— Entry is Free —

All profits go to community/charity projects.
Refreshments with **Soup & Bread** from 12 noon *(April)*;
Cream Teas *(May & June)*;
also **BBQ** (weather permitting).
If you wish to be part of the market please contact
Karen Austen 01954 781085.
e-mail: bar.hill.community.market@gmail.com
Facebook: Bar Hill Community Market

— 8 O'CLOCK CLUB —

We are a women's group that meets on the first Thursday of the month in the lounge at the school. We have a variety of speakers as well as an annual garden party, birthday party and Christmas meal.

6th April – No meeting – school closed
4th May – Growing up in the 1940's/1950's
1st June – Garden party – *members only*

If you would like further information please phone **Barbara** on 01954 204171, **Adela** on 01954 204265, **Ann** on 01954 204687, or come along to one of our meetings. We'd be very pleased to meet you.

S. DYE For all your Painting & Decorating needs.
Please call 07806 629972 or 01954 230484

— HAPPY HOURS —

Our Club meets most Mondays in the Octagon building of Bar Hill Church and runs from 11am until 3pm, with coffee, tea and light lunches. Our Winter lunch time menu consists of soup and a roll or baked potato with butter (at £1.50 each) or filled baked potatoes *(cheese, tuna mayo or baked beans)* or a ploughman's lunch (at £2 each).
Our aim is to provide friendship and companionship, so why not come along and give us a try? You can have a good old natter, a game or two, or enjoy our other various activities. We would welcome new members.
Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed the 'Pancake' games, an old time sing-a-long and a cheese and wine tasting.

Only two meetings in April:

3rd: Holiday@Home – NO Happy Hours
10th: Easter Arts and Crafts
17th: Easter Monday – NO Happy Hours
24th: 'Best of English'
1st May: Spring Bank Holiday – NO Happy Hours

Anne Plumb, 01954 780364

Robert N. Test, an American Poet, was a pioneer in promoting organ and tissue donation. In 1976, he wrote:

— TO REMEMBER ME —

Give my sight to the man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face, or love in the eyes of a woman.
Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain.
Give my blood to the teenager who was pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play.
Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week.
Take my bones, every muscle, every fibre and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk.
If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses, and all prejudice against my fellow man.
Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God.
If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you.
If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.

— HEALTH AND WELLBEING CLUB —

Normally held on the second Tuesday of the month between 2–4pm in Tesco Community Room, the group focuses on all aspects of promoting and maintaining good health in every area.
We start with a chair based exercise activity followed by advice from one of Tesco's departments, such as opticians, Nutricentre, which can include samples of healthy food and demonstrations.
This is a unique and friendly group and is an ideal place to meet new people. Next meeting: **10th April.**
For further information, contact **Wendy Arrowsmith** on 01954 781381 or **Sue Kenchington** on 01954 780260.

— BAR HILL BOOK CLUB —

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 25th April at 7pm** in the **Fox, Bar Hill.**
Our friendly group offers a lovely welcome, good company and great book choices.
Contact: sheilafarrar@hotmail.co.uk or 07920 558319.

— LETTERS —

Dear Editor

Village parking problems

I am aware from the many e-mails officers receive, and from Neighbourhood Panel meetings, that parking is a constant concern for residents in villages across South Cambridgeshire.

Unfortunately I cannot prioritise parking patrols over investigating and preventing crime and responding to calls for service, which means officers might not do as much parking enforcement as many would like.

I have been giving some thought to how we can meet your expectations on parking enforcement and have decided that we are going to try something new. I have set up an online webpage: http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking where you can report concerns about parking. The information will come directly to me and help build a picture of exact hotspots. I will use this information on targeted 'crackdown' days, as there is good evidence that crackdowns work in other areas of policing. Obviously I will not be publicising dates in advance, but updates will be available via e-cops, Twitter and Facebook once we have completed a crackdown day. The web page is already live.

I am not pretending this will solve all parking problems, but I think it strikes the right balance between parking concerns and other important work we do.

Recent media coverage about policing in villages

Some of you may have seen recent media regarding policing of villages. I would like to emphasise that we do prioritise this but what I do ask is that my officers prioritise the 'hottest' areas within our villages. This means that certain areas in some villages get more attention than those with very low crime. I believe this is a sensible approach. The main benefit of our local policing structure is that you have dedicated local resources that are responsible for policing South Cambs rather than the City.

I have put time and effort over the last three years into crime prevention events in villages (Op Oaklands and, more recently, Op Hunter). We work hard to give you the best, most intelligent policing service we can.

If you have any concerns please do get in touch, or come to our next round of neighbourhood panel meetings where you can join in the discussion.

Chief Inspector James Sutherland
Area Commander – South Cambs

Dear Editor

I would like to thank all who helped to make HRH the Duke of Gloucester's visit a very memorable event. This was the first visit to Bar Hill by a member of the Royal Family and I am sure that most residents will join me in hoping that it will not be fifty years before the next. I have received letters from HM Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire and the Duke's Acting Private Secretary thanking me for organising the visit (with others).

I have still copies available of my history of the village – **Bar Hill, A Social History, 1949–2004** – available at £10. Although it will take perhaps a year to complete, I have now started preparing a second edition, having come across a Ph.D. thesis and various letters and documents containing new information. If enough are received, it may be possible to publish a companion book of photographs in the future.

Regards, *Roger Hall*

Dear Editor

Firstly, I'd like to thank Nicola Webb for her letter of support for the skate park in the February issue and Sharon Harrower's letter in March. Since my letter (BHN December 2016), I have exchanged a number of letters with the Parish Council and attended a few meetings regarding this matter.

I wrote another letter which I submitted for publication in the March issue of the BHN. However, it was not published.

I would like to think as a resident of Bar Hill, that there is in the spirit of openness, mutual respect and accountability a two-way communication between ourselves and the Parish Council. I feel that the Bar Hill News is a vehicle for this kind of communication and felt it would be useful to use it as a forum for the gathering of information and yes, the exchange of views on community issues, such as the re-instating of the skate park. Whilst I acknowledge this may have meant that the discussion might be lively and indeed flavoursome at times, it would prove to be a good way to at least get some clarity on the situation, instead of the confusion and apathy that has existed during the last three years.

I'm sorry to say that in my experience this is not the case, I feel that any questioning or request for information from the Parish Council is dealt with in a reluctant and guarded manner; please don't get me wrong, some information has indeed been given to me, but much has not been relevant and/or detailed in the way that I'd requested. A shame in an open and transparent community like ours.

I acknowledge not everyone is interested in this issue and I respect that, however I feel that this is a matter of principle that affects all of us that live in Bar Hill. Please ask yourself, if you had any issues or concerns about our village, where would you go, who would you speak to? How would you like to be treated and have your concerns handled? I know how I would like to be treated and sadly BHN and the Parish Council haven't done that.

G Caswell, Field View

Dear Editor

I would like to address the comments from Sue Harrower about the skate park.

I stand by what I said as to why the skate park was cleared: because the Parish Council had no option after advice received from the relevant authorities about the damage to the ramps. As she doesn't know me from Adam, how can she claim that I have a negative opinion about the 'yoof' of the village? Such a personal comment highlights the shallowness of her argument.

Oh, and by the way more vandalism has happened at the defunct and closed skate park. The lights were disconnected but person or persons unknown have tampered with the control box and reconnected them. This will cost the Council Tax payers of Bar Hill more money to be disconnected and made so they cannot be tampered with again.

John Doland, Hanover Close

These are stated as Mr Doland's personal views, not as a member of the Parish Council.

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND
— A14 CAMBRIDGE TO HUNTINGDON —

Keep in touch – T: 0300 123 5000;
E: A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk;
W: www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H

— BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL —

Sue Bell, Parish Clerk: **01954 780456**
e-mail: bhillpc-1@btconnect.com.
Please note that the office is open to **residents** between **9am–11am Monday, Tuesday** and **Wednesday.**
Visit our website: www.barhill.org.uk for updates on local matters.

Connections Youth Bus, Nr The Library, Bar Hill. The Council is endeavouring to organise for the Youth Bus to come to Bar Hill for a trial period (Easter–Summer).

Youngsters – we need to gauge support. Please contact the Parish Council Office on 01954 780456 (answerphone) leaving name, age and tel n°.

The **annual clearance of vegetation** on the **Hollytrees stream** (Dam Brook) has been completed including cutting back of trees/shrubs. The Council is currently working with specialists to plan and undertake works to stabilise the banks and help improve control over any future flooding risks.

The Council is pleased to see that the County Council Highways department has been to the village and carried out **maintenance work on footways.** We are aware there are problems with some of the roads and hope this work is planned in the not too distant future!

Broadband in Bar Hill: not all properties in Bar Hill are included in the fibre roll-out. Visit: http://www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk/OurNetwork/rural-broadband.aspx and http://www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk. As more homes get connected, information will be published on their website and updated daily.

A14 Improvements: it was good to see the Highways England bus on the Tesco Car Park on 16 March where representatives were on hand to explain the scheme. The Council is aware that diversion signage is not adequate for cars and buses. Visit: http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon/ and http://www.trafficengland.com/ for up-dates

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on **11th May** at **7.30pm** in the Octagon. This meeting is open to Residents, with reports from the Parish Council and its Committees and working parties, and County and District Councillors. All village organisations and clubs are invited to give a report on their activities of the year. Your support is important – we want to hear your ideas and questions. Please do come along and support your community

The next full **Parish Council meeting** will be held on **Thursday 20th April** at **7pm** in the Parish Council Office. Members of the public and press are welcome. There is an Open Forum at the start of each meeting for residents to put their views across. Minutes of the previous month's meeting are on the village notice board. Items for the agenda must be placed with the Clerk at least seven days before.

Handy telephone numbers:

Streetlights: 0800 253529 – *give number of lamp post;*
Anglian Water: *(water supply and sewerage)*: **03457 145 145;**
South Cambs District Council: 03450 450500;
County Council: *(damaged paths and roads)*: **01223 717111;**
Abandoned Tesco trolleys: Trolley Wise: **0800 316 1241.**

HAIR2U
Professional Mobile Hairdressing covering Bar Hill and surrounding areas. Call Caroline: **07843 238718**

— NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH —

Recent statistics show that a significant number of people fail to lock up securely when they go out. I hope this is not true of Bar Hill as it gives the opportunist burglar easy access to properties and causes grief, heartache and hassle for the victim. Let's not be negligent and make life easy for a potential burglar.

Even if you are not guilty of leaving your house doors and windows open for criminals, how about your computer, smart phone etc? **Are you leaving yourself exposed to cybercrime?** Whether we spend a lot of time online, or very little, if we underestimate the importance of cyber security, we can put ourselves at serious risk of financial loss, identity theft and fraud.

New statistics show that only 52% of us regularly download the latest software or app updates as soon as they are available. Following last month's article on the importance of creating strong passwords, this month's advice is INSTALL UPDATES! They are not just about aesthetics, they contain vital security updates which help protect your devices from hackers and viruses.

Secondly, BEWARE LINKS IN EMAILS.

While up-to-date virus protection is essential it will not always prevent your device from becoming infected. Never click on links or open attachments in unsolicited emails or SMS messages. Remember that fraudsters can 'spoof' an email address to make it look like one used by someone you trust. If you are unsure, check the email header to identify the true source of the message.

So don't neglect to secure your physical property and do keep your eyes open for suspicious activity in our village (and report it promptly), **but also,** share this cyber advice with your family and friends – they may not know the dangers and these safe practices or they may just be complacent. You could save them a lot of trouble and distress.

Pam Vendy, NHW Village Co-ordinator

DO YOU HAVE A DISABILITY?

Or perhaps you know or care for someone who does?
We might be able to help – for free!
Remap helps people of all ages with disabilities, to achieve greater independence and enjoy life more fully.
This little girl can now ride her bike as our volunteers make *one-off pieces of equipment such as the one in the photo.*
Find out more at www.remap.org.uk or call our Cambridge branch: **01954 780551** or **01223 570860.**
Registered Charity Number 113766.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, — BAR HILL BRANCH —

The Royal British Legion Bar Hill meets on the 4th Thursday of each month in the meeting room of the Octagon from 7.30pm.

We are a small friendly group of like-minded people.

You don't need to have an Armed Forces background to join, just share a common cause of supporting our Service Community, now and for the rest of their lives.

We would like to thank everyone who gave so generously of their time and donations and helped us to raise the grand sum of £18,707 for the Poppy Appeal. We would like to thank Tesco for the space to set up the table and also their cashier's department for helping to count the money.

— Bar Hill Church —

Bar Hill Church belongs to several denominations, including the Church of England, the United Reformed Church, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Union and the Society of Friends. The Minister is **Charles Mather**, who may be contacted on charlesmather20@yahoo.com or tel: 01954 277119. The church website is at www.barhillchurch.org.uk; the Facebook page is at https://facebook.com/barhillchurch and our Twitter account is @BarHillChurch.

SERVICES FOR APRIL

Everyone is welcome to attend our services as follows:

Sun. 2nd **10.00am** Holy Communion (Anglican)
Sun. 9th *(Palm Sunday)* **10.00am** All-together Worship
Thur. 13th *(Maundy Thursday)* **7.30pm** Holy Communion
Fri. 14th *(Good Friday)* **10.00am** Good Friday Meditation
Sun. 16th *(Easter Day)* **6.00am** Sunrise Service *(venue tba)*
10.00am Holy Communion (Reformed)
Sun. 23rd **8.00am** Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Worship
6.30pm Reboot (Contemporary Worship)
Sun. 30th **10.00 am** Quaker Meeting

Totzone and Kidzone take place during 10am services except during the All Together Worship Services.
10am services are followed by tea/coffee, and there is a Traidcraft stall selling a range of fairly traded products.

PRAYER FOR STREETS

Each month we pray for people in our streets. During **April** we will be praying for **Appletrees** and **Brookdale**. If residents have a particular prayer request for themselves or their family they are welcome to e-mail **Ginny** on outreach@barhillchurch.org.uk

OLIVE TREE COFFEE MORNINGS

This is an oasis, a calm welcoming space and may be of help to those who have been challenged and broken by loss, loneliness, by bereavement or those finding life challenging.
Come for conversation or just enjoy the peace and quiet in a safe space. Refreshments will be available and also people who have been trained to listen.
The next Olive Tree Coffee mornings will be **Saturday 15th April** and **Saturday 20th May** at **10.30am.**

EVENT: Ollie King – Folk Musician

will be performing on **Wednesday 16th April** at **7.30pm** in the **Worship Hall.**
Tickets cost £7 available from office@barhillchurch.org.uk
This should be a good evening. **All Welcome.**

Traidcraft

Come and buy Fair Trade items from our Traidcraft stall each Sunday after the morning Service.

SEWING SERVICE

If you have a sewing job you don't fancy doing, call Lyn on **01954 201113.**

— GROUPS FOR ADULTS —

ART GROUP

Whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced painter, this group will give you a warm welcome on Wednesday afternoons throughout the year from **1.30–4.00pm** in the Church.
Meetings are very informal, with occasional visits from tutors. If you are new to painting, materials are available to borrow to help you get started.
Contact **Jan Hewins** on **01954 201495.**

MUSIC GROUP

This group meets at 7.30pm most Friday evenings in the Church to practise the music for Sunday services. If you sing or play an instrument, you would be very welcome to join us. For further details, please contact **Bob Chappell** on education@barhillchurch.org.uk

COFFEE STOP

Every Wednesday from 10am–midday in the Bar Hill Library.
Coffee, tea and biscuits are served at a modest price.
A friendly meeting for all to chat with friends old and new.
Contact **Sue Kenchington** on **01954 780260.**

HOMEGROUPS

Would you like an opportunity to meet other Christians for Bible Study and Prayer? Our homegroups provide an informal but supportive environment. Our present theme is **"Matters of life and death".**
For more information contact **Bob Chappell:**
education@barhillchurch.org.uk

KNIT & NATTER

Thursday afternoons from **1.15–3.30pm** in the Octagon.
Everyone is very welcome, whether to knit, or just to chat and meet new friends.
Contact **Sue Kenchington** on **01954 780260.**

BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT GROUP

The craft group is open to anyone who enjoys or would like to start knitting, crochet, card-making or any other creative crafts. We meet in the Octagon from 2.15–4.45pm one Saturday each month for a couple of hours chatting, crafting and enjoying a chance to unwind. Please bring your own craft activity and materials – refreshments are provided.
Next meeting: **Saturday 22nd April.**
Contact **Wendy** on **01954 782041** for more details.

— THE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY —

Anyone interested in renting space to grow their own produce can be put on our waiting list for membership. Please contact Rob Lawrence, plot allocator, on **07788 590348.**
All other allotment matters should be addressed to: barhillallotment@gmail.com.

— Bar Hill Church —

HOLIDAY AT HOME

Tuesday 4th to Thursday 6th April

Island Hopping: A Journey through the Irish Sea

We are again running our "Holiday at Home" event in the church buildings and we would be glad to hear of any older residents in Bar Hill who would benefit from this virtual holiday.

The day starts at 9.30am and finishes at 3.30pm and is filled with activities, good food and entertainment.

We would like our usual valuable support from the congregation with cakes and puddings and constant support in prayer during the planning and during the event.

Please stop me or phone to ask any questions at any time.

Sue Kenchington 01954 780260

—CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE —

CAFÉ CHURCH

On the first and third Sunday of each month the Children and Young People meet together in the Octagon for breakfast and worship and a learning activity

On the fourth and fifth Sunday of each month we have Kidzone with activities for Primary aged children.

Totzone (4 years old and under) meets each week in the Meetings Room during the morning service.

On the second Sunday all ages meet together in the Worship Centre for our All Together Worship service.

— YOUNG PEOPLE —

REBOOT

(4th Sunday of the month)

This informal evening service, held from 6.30–8.00pm, is for adults and young people. It begins with cake, biscuits and drinks and uses contemporary music and format.

— FAMILIES —

For pre-school and primary age children and their carers meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

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Wed.	Danielle Fitness Classes Zumba & Pilates	7–9pm
Thur.	Pilates *(school term time only)*	10–11am
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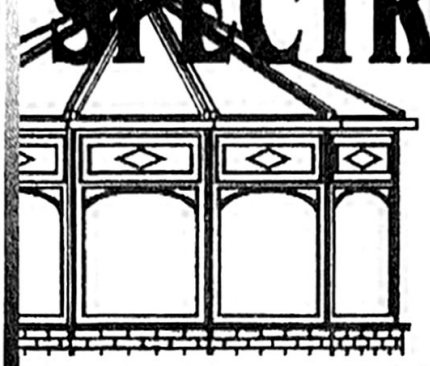

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We are offering two walks – one on **Sunday 23rd April at 10.30am** and a second on **Saturday 29th April at 2.30pm**. Please meet at **Brampton Wood Car Park**, Grafham Road, Brampton. (GR TL 184698.)

We are also offering a walk at **Portholme Meadow** on **Wednesday 26th April, at 7pm**. Portholme is believed to be the largest flood plain meadow in England and has a good-sized population of snakeshead fritillaries at this time of year. Please meet at **Godmanchester Lock at 7pm**. Parking is in Godmanchester and the lock can be accessed via the Chinese Bridge.

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Sharon Unwin, Manager

— BAR HILL ROCKETS (UNDER 12s) —

After losing some key players at the end of last season, the Rockets have endured a tough season in a competitive league. Despite this, and not having won a point, our players have remained positive and continue to play with a smile on their faces.

Against this background the Rockets travelled to Steeple Bumpstead on 11th February. Unfortunately a number of our players were unavailable for this match and we turned up with only seven players (9 a side league). Fearing the worst, and with the snow falling, the Rockets put in a fantastic first half performance to go into half time at 0-0. After two well taken early second half goals for the home side, the Rockets of old may well have capitulated, however, they dug in and showed tremendous spirit to bounce back. Oliver Runham made it 2-1 with a well taken goal, and minutes later he added another to make it 2-2 with fifteen minutes left. The home side finished strongly to win the game but every single Rockets player, exhausted through their valiant efforts, deserved and received all the plaudits from coaches and parents of both sides. Many people believe that winning is not important in youth football – although this is not something I totally agree with, on this occasion. Our coaches told the players the result didn't matter as their effort and performance was outstanding.

The Magnificent Seven that day were :
Lucas Winter-Castillo, Jack Stearn, Christian Simmonett, Jack Williams, Lauren Gratlidge, Oliver Runham, Alfie Pope.

I would also like to thank our parents, who turned out on a bitterly cold day, for their fantastic support.

Two weeks later the Rockets travelled to Linton with a full squad and full of confidence. Having lost the reverse fixture 7-1 earlier on in the season, this would be a good test of how much improvement the Rockets had made. Another impressive first half performance resulted in a 0-0 half time scoreline. Ten minutes into the second half, the outstanding Christian Simmonett curled in a fantastic free kick from twenty yards out – 1-0 to the Rockets. The home side pressed and eventually levelled the scores at 1-1. Both teams had late chances but the game ended in a draw which was probably a fair result. The Rockets were elated at earning their first point of the season, however, a measure of how far they have grown as a team was the fact that they felt they should have won the game. The Rockets coaches are extremely proud of all of the players for their attitude, commitment, and desire to improve. Well done.

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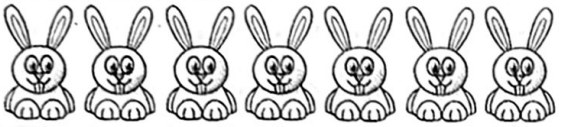

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As ever, we are playing in the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association Junior League and the Cambridge Business Houses Midweek League. Our first home league match is on Saturday 5th May against Isleham II, while the midweek matches get under way in June. There will also be a selection of Sunday friendlies – see next month's Bar Hill News for more details, or visit our website www.barhillcricket.org.uk.

We will also soon be announcing the start date of our weekly youth training sessions run by head coach Dave Allsopp and his team, and we're planning to enter some local tournaments too! Keep an eye on our website for confirmation of all our plans.

We're always on the lookout for new players of all ages and abilities – phone me on the number below for more details.

Paul Stimpson
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— BAR HILL SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB —

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What's on in April?

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15th Members' draw.
16th Egg hunt and colouring comp winners announced.
17th Xbox Fifa competition for kids. Register from 12.00, start 12.30.
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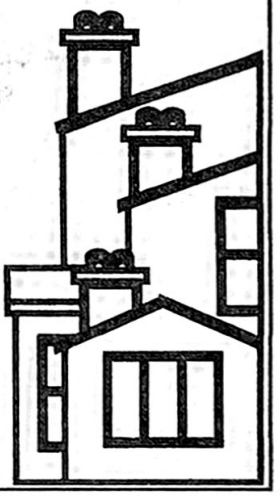

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— COUNCILLOR NOTES —

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New bin day—hopefully all went well for you with the new bin day, I heard that one or two households put all three out – just in case!!

Tenant and leaseholder news —the Handyperson is good news for all Council tenants, please let me know how successful this has been for you, have you found it's good value and you get all those little jobs done.

Voting on 4th May – in person, by proxy or postal vote — there are County Council elections and the first Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. If you are going to be away, you can choose to vote by post or by proxy. Contact details: elections@scambs.gov.uk or T: 03450 455214.

Northstowe —the Cambridge Archaeological Unit (CAU) has been out in force on the Oakington barracks part of the site. Around 10 hectares of top and sub soil has been stripped back for hand excavation and investigation. Events are planned for Spring to let the local community get a closer look at what's being uncovered.

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Scheme – Mobile visitor centre —Highways England think it's important that you have access to information. They want to help plan journeys, share possible job opportunities and information on other topics of interest.

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— HEIDI ALLEN MP —

I'd like now to blow the trumpets of our local constabulary! They have recently launched an initiative to tackle parking issues across South Cambridgeshire. They have developed an online form for you to complete to report any parking issues in your area. I think it's a tremendous community focused idea, so please do have a look here: http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking.

I cannot believe it is almost a year since we tragically lost Jo Cox, my colleague at Westminster. On 17th–18th June this year, her legacy charity will be promoting "The Great Get Together", a weekend long event which aims to bring us together to celebrate friendship and community. Some of the UK's biggest organisations will be taking part including the Women's Institute, Oxfam and the Royal British Legion. You can find more details at https://greatgettogether.org/ or on her charity website. If you're interested in setting something up, please let me know so I can spread the word, join you, or help in any way. I'd love it if we could have a number of events taking place all over the constituency.

If there is anything I can help you with more generally, please find details of my no-appointment-needed surgeries on my website: www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries. I'll be in Swavesey on 18th March and Cambourne on 22nd April. I can also be contacted by email: heidi.allen.mp@parliament.co.uk or on 01954 212707.

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The setting is intimate and comfortable and provides a safe environment for your child to learn and develop with their peers. The indoor area has a quiet corner for reading as well as a range of toys and equipment for your child to discover. We have strong ties with the community through visits to local businesses, the library and the church.

Parent/Carer Partnership

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— COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT —

Road maintenance is a subject we all have concerns about. The Highways & Community Infrastructure Committee recently received a report on the Council's Transport Delivery Plan [TDP] for 2017/18–2019/20.This is a key component of the Highway Asset Management Strategy which adopts a long term, preventative approach. The TDP shows the Council has the correct approach. It will also support a bid to Central Government's Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund. The current proposal is that a bid will be made jointly by Cambridgeshire County and Peterborough City Councils and will be based upon repairing drought damaged roads in the north of the county. The TDP also shows those schemes that are in the 2017/18 budget. These include Girton Road from Wellbrook Court to Huntingdon Road and completion of the footway/cycleway from Bar Hill to Longstanton.

Slow progress is being made on relocating the **bus stop at Cambridge Crematorium** following the suspension of the original due to A14 upgrade works. It seems that the required health and safety test has been carried out and a location identified, which is likely to be approved. Hard standing has to be created so it is safe for pedestrians and wheelchair users.

The **Wings for Life World Run 2017** will be held in Cambridgeshire on **Sunday 7th May** starting at **midday**. From Parker's Piece, runners follow a route through some of South Cambridgeshire's villages. Details on their website: www.wingsforlifeworldrun.com/en/cambridge

If you'd like to know more about what's happening at the County Council, please let me know and I'll add you to the circulation of the full report I write monthly for parish councils.

Lynda, lyndaharford@icloud.com; 01954 251775; 07889 131022; follow me on Twitter: @2whit2whoo

— LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB —

Spring is here and Longstanton Bowls Club is recruiting new members! Do you fancy some gentle exercise on a summer's evening? Everyone is welcome. Don't worry about equipment, the club can assist – just wear flat shoes. Bowls provides an opportunity to make new friends, take gentle exercise and socialise over a "bowls tea" at the end of the match. Our bowls green is located on the recreation ground, between the Longstanton Pavilion and the tennis courts, Over Road, Longstanton.

Monday evenings are for informal practice in a mildly competitive environment – ideal for beginners. We have a certified coach who runs regular sessions for newer players.

The club plays in a number of leagues, some more competitive than others. Away matches give members an opportunity to experience other club's facilities in the Cambridge area.

Most of our league matches start at 6.30pm. This season, for the first time, we have entered a team in the Ely and District afternoon triples league, so there will be over 110 matches this season, plus our regular club nights and internal club competitions. Why not come along and give it a try?

The outdoor season runs from late April to September.

Our **Open Day** on **Saturday 22nd April 2017** from **2pm**, or any Monday evening from 6pm. If you just want to watch, that's fine too.

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No Smoking Day was on 8th March. Smoking is one of many factors that makes us more at risk of fire, for example when combined with poor mobility, health problems or being elderly.

Here are some tips to take on board or give to friends and family that smoke:

Never leave a lit cigarette or pipe unattended.

- Always use a proper ashtray and make sure the contents are cold before you tip it in the bin
- Never smoke in bed and avoid smoking in a chair if you are likely to fall asleep
- Most importantly, fit a working smoke alarm and test it regularly. **Don't forget also to test the smoke alarms of those you love.**

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— SCAM OF THE MONTH —

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So far this term we have enjoyed a very busy few weeks. We were excited to have the BBC in filming some of our Year 3/4 children who then had a five minute slot on BBC Breakfast about teaching through using play in collaboration with the University of Cambridge.

Our Celebrating Reading and Writing Week was great fun and helped us focus the children on the pleasure that comes from books and the written word. Thanks to all parents and carers who supported with book purchases, costume making and the daily reading done with the children. Thanks, as well, to the parents who helped count bounces for books and to the sponsors who supported the children financially for their bouncing.

This time of the year the school starts planning for the next school year, starting with building the school budget. A big issue for all schools in the country is the reduction in funding education has experienced over quite a few years and the further cuts expected.

Over the next few years the school, alongside all other schools, will face funding cuts of 7%-8%. We have to manage these cuts from a very low base given the low level of funding given to Cambridgeshire schools by national funding agencies, but our staff will continue to provide quality teaching for all our children with many exciting things planned for after the Easter holidays.

Finally, a note from **Emily Lewney** on her retirement from the school at the end of March: *"Having worked at the school for the last 20 years I can honestly say I have loved almost every minute. I have seen many children and families pass through the school and I realise how fortunate I have been to be part of such an amazing, happy and fulfilling learning environment. I am looking forward to new waters in April but know I will miss the buzz of the wonderful staff and children that make up Bar Hill Community Primary School. Thanks to all of you who have made this the best job I have ever had!"*

Best wishes

Dr Al Mistrano, Headteacher

— STORYTIME AT BAR HILL LIBRARY —

Stories and pictures, rhymes, songs and craft activities from **10.30am on 8th & 22nd April.**

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— GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS —

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- **24th May 1967**: the first residents, Mr & Mrs Bob Burry, moved into 58 Acorn Avenue.
- **1st October 1967**: members of Bar Hill Church met together for the first time at 19 Acorn Avenue. [Events appertaining to the 50th Anniversary of the Church can be found on pages 6–7.]
- **20th October 1967**: the inaugural meeting of the Bar Hill Residents' Association, attended by seven residents;
- **December 1967**: the Bar Hill News was first published.

The year 2017, therefore, marks the 50th anniversary of when Bar Hill became a village rather than a legal entity. To mark this, a series of events are planned to take place during the year. The list below is a provisional schedule:

Monday 1st to Wednesday 31st May: a display of photographs and documents from the Cambridgeshire Collection and other sources in the library to mark the arrival of the village's first residents.

Saturday 13th May: Bar Hill School PTA Ball

Wednesday 24th May: a special Coffee Stop Jubilee Morning in the **Library** from **10am–midday**.

Monday 5th June: Happy Hours Jubilee Open Day from **12–3pm**. Refreshments provided.

Friday 9th June: Bar Hill School PTA Golden Jubilee Fun Day.

Saturday 1st July: The Bar Hill Golden Jubilee Fête.

Saturday–Sunday 15th–16th July: a Flower Festival in the Church Centre, village organisations are being asked to submit a display. Also, **Memories** – photographs, newspaper cuttings of the history of the village will be on display.

Saturday 12th August: Bar Hill Sports & Social Club Golden Jubilee celebration.

Friday–Sunday, 27th–29th October: a series of events to conclude the end of the Jubilee year.

- *Bar Hill Scouts* will organise a Jubilee event.
- *Bar Hill Cricket Club* will be putting on a special match, possibly against an Umpires Eleven.

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Sunday 2nd April 10am–12.30pm: 10K race and Fun Run at the Marketing Suite, Cambourne;

Tuesday 4th April 10am–4pm: Outpatient Foyer, Addenbrooke's Hospital.

If you have any toy stuffing or yarn we are in urgent need of your donation. For up-to-the minute information follow Rosie in Stitches Facebook page.

If you can organise the three large stalls per year at Addenbrooke's Outpatients, provide transport for our volunteers or display a small selection of our wares, please contact a member of the committee. Details are on our website: www.rosieinstitches.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

— BAR HILL SCHOOL —

PTA Dates for the Diary:

Sat. 13th May – Jubilee Ball – *see front page*;
Fri. May 26th – Cake Stall after school;
Fri. 9th June – PTA Fun Day on the school green – *from 3pm*;
Sat. 15th July – Year 6 Leavers Prom;
Fri. 21st July – End of Year School Disco.

The PTA is always looking for new members.

If you would like more information on joining, or on any event, please e-mail em.spenceley@hotmail.co.uk

— BAR HILL TENNIS CLUB 2017 AGM —

Thursday 6th April 2017 at 7.30pm in The Fox Public House

We remain desperate for new members to help ensure the survival of the Club so before the new season begins, we invite all existing and potential new members to our Annual General Meeting.

Everyone is welcome even if you are just interested in hearing more about the Club. If you are unable to attend but would like more information please contact Paul Chubbuck on 01954 781688.

We invite all current, lapsed and new members to come along and play on the courts. Please encourage your family, neighbours and friends to come down to our club social nights to play some tennis. We welcome players of all abilities. Tennis is an excellent way to keep fit and enjoy the summer evenings in a relaxed and friendly environment. Our Adult Club nights are Tuesdays & Thursdays 7–9pm and Club nights start **Tuesday 18th April**. We look forward to seeing you!

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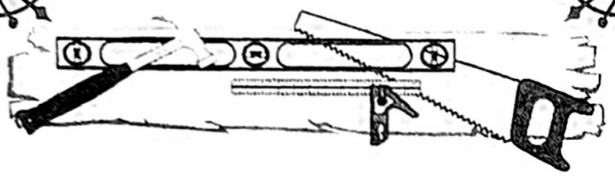

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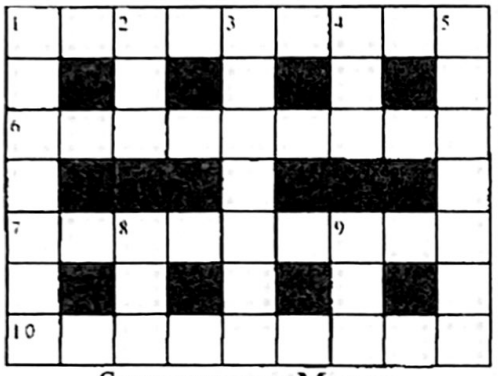
— APRIL CROSSWORD —

Across: 1. good start to a meal, 6. special plate for the Passover rite (5,4), 7. plant with Mediterranean edible fruits (5,4), 10. mistaken thoughts.

Down: 1. flee, 2. natural container for beans & peas, 3. aims, 4. for travelling on ice, 5. repairs shoes, 8. unwell, 9. recent Olympic venue.



Solution for March

Across: 1. March hare, 6. quadrille, 7. economise, 10. nefarious.

Down: 1. McQueen, 2. RNA, 3. harbour, 4. all, 5. eyelets, 8. off, 9. Ibo.

— BIN COLLECTION —

New collection day: **THURSDAY**

6th April	black
13th April	green and blue
Saturday 22nd April	black
Friday 28th April	green and blue
Friday 5th May	black
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	Church office	01954 206120
Bar Hill School		01954 273305
Bar Hill Community Car Scheme		07496 465330
Bar Hill Cricket Club	*Paul Stimpson*	01954 201212
Bar Hill Sports & Social Club		01954 781881
Cambridge Fire & Rescue Service Helpline		0800 917 9994
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Community Market	*Karen Austen*	01954 781085
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	Willingham	01954 260230
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Pre-School		01954 782892
Royal British Legion, Health & Wellbeing at Tesco	*Wendy Arrowsmith*	01954 781381
Samaritans		01223 364455
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— APRIL PUZZLE —

Form nine, nine letter occupations in groups of three letters, in alphabetical order.

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Solution for March: ACCRETION, BARRISTER, CUSTODIAN, DISCHARGE, GARNISHEE, INDENTURE, REMISSION, STIPULATE, VEXATIOUS.

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Interested persons are always welcome at Residents' Association meetings.

They are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Parish Council office. Next meeting: **4th April**.

— EVENTS CALENDAR —

date	*event*	*where*	*time*
28 March	Bar Hill Book Club *(page 3)*	The Fox	7pm
30 March	NWR – Black *(page 3)*		8pm
1 April	Community Market *(page 3)*	Octagon	10.30am–2pm
3 April	Happy Hours – NO meeting *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
4–6 April	Holiday at Home *(page 6)*	Octagon and Church	9.30am–3.30pm
4 April	Rosie stall in Outpatient Foyer *(page 26)*	Addenbrooke's	10am–4pm
6 April	Bar Hill Tennis Club AGM *(page 26)*	The Fox	7.30pm
8 April	Storytime at the Library *(page 25)*	Library	10.30am
8 April	Karaoke at the Social Club *(page 26)*	BHSSC	
9 April	Cambridge Gliding Centre Open Day *(page 21)*	SG19 3EB	10am–4pm
10 April	Happy Hours – Easter Arts and Crafts *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
11 April	Health & Wellbeing Club *(page 3)*	Tesco Community Room	2–4pm
13 April	NWR – planning meeting *(page 3)*		8pm
14 April	Singer – Nicole Lawrence, and cocktails	BHSSC	
15 April	Olive Tree coffee morning *(page 6)*	Octagon	10.30am
17 April	Xbox Fifa competition for kids *(page 26)*	BHSSC	1200
17 April	Happy Hours – NO meeting *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
19 April	Ollie King in Concert *(page 1)*	Church	7.30pm
22 April	Storytime at the Library *(page 25)*	Library	10.30am
22 April	Longstaton Bowls Club open Day *(page 22)*	Recreation Ground	2pm
23 April	Wildlife Trust walk in Brampton Wood *(page 15)*	meet in car park	10.30am
24 April	Happy Hours – 'Best of English' *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
25 April	Bar Hill Book Club *(page 3)*	The Fox	7pm
27 April	NWR – the power is in your hands! *(page 3)*		8pm
27 April	The Mighty Quiz! Raising money for Alzheimer's *(page 26)*	BHSSC	
29 April	Cambridge Food Market Festival *(page 1)*	Village Hall	11am–5pm
29 April	Wildlife Trust walk in Brampton Wood *(page 15)*	meet in car park	2.30pm
30 April	Open Mic Night for budding musicians *(page 26)*	BHSSC	
1 May	Happy Hours – NO meeting *(page 3)*		
5 May	Bar Hill Cricket Club first home league match *(page 16)*	Village Green	
6 May	Bar Hill Church Art Group Exhibition *(page 1)*	Church	10am–5pm
6 May	Community Market *(page 3)*	Octagon	10.30am–2pm
7 May	Pamper evening *(page 26)*	BHSSC	6–9pm
11 May	NWR – talk from a Cambridge Blue Badge Guide *(page 3)*		8pm
11 May	Annual Parish meeting *(page 5)*	Octagon	7.30pm

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